

ALL OVER THE STATE.

Crisp and Choice Cuttings Condensed from the Daily Press.

RACY ROUND-UPS RENDERED READABLE.

A Complete Synopsis of Interesting Items Gathered from All Parts of the Empire State at Texas Carefully Selected.

F. S. Taylor of Van Alstyne, Grayson county, died a few days ago of blood poisoning. Two or three weeks ago, while unloading lumber from a wagon, he struck a splinter in his left hand. No attention was paid to the wound for several days, when the arm began to swell, and amputation was found necessary. This measure was taken too late to save his life, as the poison had penetrated every portion of his body.

Brown Botta, about 15 years old, was brought into Houston recently, from a duck hunt painfully wounded. He was moving around a pond to shoot ducks when a gun was fired near by and he was almost loaded with duckshot. The shooter was a negro. He did not see Mr. Botta when the shot was fired, but was shooting at game.

Near Garland, Dallas county, recently D. E. Bryan, an old citizen, with his family, was driving across a bridge over Spring creek when the team became frightened and jumped off the bridge, a distance of ten feet. The occupants of the wagon were thrown out and Mr. Bryan had three ribs broken.

The local option law, which went into effect at Alford, Wise county, recently, was nullified by the reopening of a saloon. The anti-claim election to be held on account of the failure to post a sufficient number of notices as required by law. Counsel have been employed to test it in the courts.

The case of the State of Texas vs. the Austin Club was submitted to Judge Robertson of the Fifty-third district court at Austin recently, with written argument. This is a suit to compel the club to pay retail liquor license and to collect same for four years back, amounting to \$1200.

Charlie Long, a mail carrier between Canyon City and Blummitt, a distance of forty miles, while on the road twenty-five miles from Canyon City was thrown from his cart by his horses running away and his left leg broken. He was not found until the day following the accident.

A Mexican named Melton Basan was found dead a few days ago in the McKie lane, near San Marcos. His pockets had been turned inside out, from which it is thought the deed was perpetrated for the purpose of robbery.

A contract for 400 sticks of hewn piling has been let by the Katy people to A. D. Wilson at Colmesneil, Tyler county. The timbers are to be 10x10 inches at top and 12x12 at bottom, ranging in length from 40 to 60 feet.

At Hempstead, recently, a strange negro giving his name as William Johnson, and claiming to come from Navasota, was struck by a freight train and had his leg lacerated so badly that amputation may be necessary.

George Page, who killed E. A. Damer a few weeks ago in Angelina county, has been indicted by the grand jury, tried, found guilty and punishment assessed at ninety-nine years in the penitentiary.

While descending a flight of stairs at Denison recently Mr. Will Simpson of the Missouri, Kansas and Texas telegraph office, slipped and fell to the bottom, about fourteen feet, sustaining serious injury.

The little children of Miss Lucy Peyton's kindergarten at Taylor made 200 artificial magnolia blossoms for the decoration of Fireman's hall where the bazaar was recently given.

Bruce Kirk, living near Waxahatchie, lost 200 bushels of cotton seed, 600 bushels of corn and a lot of other farm property by the burning of his barn recently. No insurance.

At Laredo a few days ago two Mexican women were arrested, charged with smuggling about fifteen gallons of mescal. The liquor was found in their possession on the river bank.

John Weiler, a hard working and industrious citizen of Palestine, has fallen heir to a vast estate in Buffalo, N. Y., valued at \$175,000. He will make his future home in Buffalo.

A mortgage for \$5,000,000 has been recorded in Navarro county, given the Central Trust company of New York by the Houston and Texas Central railway company.

Owners of several sugar plantations near Velasco, Brazoria county, are dividing their fields into small farms for rent or sale to white settlers from the north and west.

At Brookston, Lamar county, recently lightning struck J. E. Harris' house, fired the canvas on the wall and some bedding, but did little damage to the house.

A negro boy found the remains of an infant on the banks of the Brazos river at Waco recently. A justice held an inquest. It is regarded as a case of infanticide.

A nutting party from Denison cut down a tree which, falling, struck a young man named Bland, one of the party, seriously injuring him.

At Lancaster, Dallas county, the recent local option election carried by over two-thirds majority, 129 for local option and 50 against.

George Foster, 14 years old, was thrown from a horse at Georgetown a few days since and had his arm broken near the shoulder.

J. J. Dickerson, United States marshal for the eastern district of Texas, has tendered his resignation, to take effect December 31, 1893.

Al Davis, a machinist at Denison, got the small toe on the left foot mas-

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Several head of cattle have died recently in the vicinity of Luling, from eating acorns.

Counterfeit silver dollars, bearing the date of 1892, are circulating in San Antonio.

Work on the foundation of the new Christian college at Sherman has been begun.

William Schendel's gin was burned at Richmond recently, entailing a loss of \$6000.

A wagon load of vagrants are run in daily from the "merc" at Fort Worth.

Some of the property owners of Corsicana are putting down cement sidewalks.

J. T. Rosenberry took too much morphine at Fort Worth recently and died.

The public school building at La Grange has been condemned as unsafe.

Sebe Kennedy seriously stabbed Ike McMahon at Lockhart a few days ago.

The Missouri, Kansas and Texas railway headquarters are at Denison.

A Mr. Hill was killed recently by a falling tree at Hyatt, Tyler county.

Work has commenced on the new jail at Pilsanton, Atascosa county.

The oil mill at Velasco has been completed and is now in operation.

And now San Antonians talk of establishing a free soup kitchen.

A switchman was killed at Cleburne recently by a backing train.

William Fleishman, a type of Dallas, died a few days since.

There are twenty-six persons in the Williamson county jail.

THE WAY IN KENTUCKY.

Robbers Board an Illinois Central Train, Apparently as Passengers.

WHEN THE TRAIN SLOWS UP THEY ACT.

They Rob the Express Car and Passengers and Make Their Escape.—A Chicago Crook. Twenty Persons Killed.

CAIRO, Ill., Nov. 13.—Illinois Central train No. 22, due here at 1:30 o'clock Saturday morning, was stopped at Mayfield bridge, Ky., about eight miles south of Cairo, by five masked men, supposed to have boarded the train at Bardwell, Ky. As soon as the train stopped the robbers gained entrance to the express car and secured \$32 in cash and a valuable package. The robbers then ran and made for the woods, no clue as yet. The express car was robbed of two money orders addressed to J. S. Rees, and the other containing an amount of money in transfer to Chicago. The express car saved the remainder of the safe. The men, Bardwell, Ky., and made the train stopped for water. It to contain \$1400 was in express messenger, and was also robbed. The quickly done that there stance. The robbers got

Demanding \$5000.

AND, O., Nov. 11.—A crank, the office of Myron Horrick, and treasurer of the society, at 1215 yesterday, and a minute bomb in one hand, over in the other demanded a ransom of \$5000. The man, on the floor. While the crank fired a shot, the bullet passing through the window and escaped.

A Strange Death.

OK, Ok., Nov. 9.—John Poff, residing in the Chickasaw west of Purcell, met with a peculiar but horrible end a few days ago. He was working in the field smoking a pipe when a gray beard took fire from a bonfire pipe and the fire was located to his clothes and the skin lying about, and before he arrived he was burned so that he died in great agony.

A Chicago Crook.

BATTLE CREEK, Mich., Nov. 13.—Assistant Superintendent McIntyre of the Grand Trunk railway has asked Prosecuting Attorney Clark for a warrant for the arrest of a man giving his name as John Dawson. He identified one of the bodies taken from the wreck as that of his brother, George Dawson, of Essex, England, and secured \$200 found with the body. The man is said to be a Chicago crook.

A Female Murderer.

MARSHALLTOWN, Ia., Nov. 10.—Miss Emily Bennett was jailed yesterday for the murder of Anna Welles, August 26, near Green Mountain. The Bennett woman has been ill ever since the murder, which was one of the most shocking ever committed in the state, and is utterly prostrated since her arrest. The evidence against her is very strong. The motive for the deed is supposed to be jealousy.

Taken to Sing Sing.

NEW YORK, Nov. 10.—Lawyer Francis H. Weeks, the self-confessed embezzler, whose extradition from Costa Rica excited so much talk, was taken to Sing Sing yesterday to serve out his sentence of ten years' imprisonment. He refused absolutely to be interviewed before his departure to prison, reiterating the statement that he had nothing to say.

Twenty Persons Killed.

BERLIN, Nov. 13.—As a result of the carelessness of a chemist a disastrous explosion of ether occurred at Breslitz, Poland, Friday. A whole house was blown to pieces. Twenty persons were killed and a large number injured. Several houses were badly damaged.

Eighteen Lives Lost.

TORONTO, Nov. 8.—By the burning of the steamer Fraser yesterday on Lake Nipissing eighteen persons lost their lives. The disaster occurred near George Island, and in spite of strenuous efforts to save life the above number perished.

Three Men Killed.

WELCH, W. Va., Nov. 13.—The slate roof in the Crozier mine fell Saturday, killing J. Block, John Jones, J. D. Davis. James Davis was seriously hurt.

Abduction Sensation.

NEW ORLEANS, La., Nov. 11.—The sensational abduction of a child from a Dominican convent yesterday afternoon has brought to light a pitiable

story of blighted lives. H. A. Testard and Luma Brown were married in Gonzales, Tex., in 1886. Miss Brown being the daughter of the wealthy horse owner, J. M. Brown, who was killed in the sensational fight with the police at the Garfield race track in Chicago about a year ago. The couple came to this city and Testard became a railroad clerk. A child was born to them. They lived happily till last January, when Testard was called to Texas by the death of his father. When he returned he was surprised to find his home closed and his wife gone with the child. Testard started on a tour of the country hoping to find his wife and child, but no trace was discovered of her until recently, when she was found in this city. Testard came here from Chicago and met his wife and endeavored to have her return to him. She declined and said the child was in a convent. Mrs. Testard then entered suit for a divorce and Testard left the city. The suit was subsequently withdrawn. A few days ago Testard returned and had a lawyer prepare a case of divorce and asked for the assistance of the court to prevent the removal of the child from the convent. Testard and a friend and his lawyer went to the convent yesterday and while the lawyer was seated in the parlor Testard and his companion slipped around to the rear of the house, grabbed the child and ran with her to a waiting cab. The lawyer ran out, grabbed the horse's bridle and asked the frenzied father to return the child, but Testard drew a knife and threatened to kill himself and the child before he would go back. Finally he was induced to return to the convent, but he drew a knife again and the sisters consented, through fear, to let him take the child, which he did. He left the city last night for Texas. It is said he drew a knife on the sisters and charges will be preferred against him in the hope of getting the child back. Mrs. Testard reported the facts to the police.

Indians Sack Palomas.

DEMING, N. M., Nov. 10.—Frank Siebold, a merchant at Palomas, Mex., four miles below the border, arrived here yesterday morning bringing the news that fifty Comanche Indians had sacked that town on Wednesday. They are one of the scattering bands of Indians that escaped the horrible massacre in the engagement with Diaz's soldiers last May and have been roaming in the mountains. In the raid they fired on the custom-house guards, numbering thirteen, killed one and his horse, then riddled the custom-house, carrying away twenty-five carbines and pistols, 300 rounds of ammunition and \$300 in money. They appropriated provisions and supplies from the stores. One of the marauding band was killed in the engagement. After the raid they coolly camped in town until prepared to leave, and distributed printed circulars, crying "Down with Diaz. Viva la republica." The Mexican government has ordered out the troops.

A Brave Woman Shoots.

TENABRANA, Ark., Nov. 9.—At Boggy, a small town on the Gato City and Shreveport railroad, twenty miles south of here, Tuesday night Mrs. W. T. Beasley, a married woman, shot and perhaps fatally wounded William Donaldson, a fireman at a planing mill. Mrs. Beasley was alone and during the night she was aroused by some one coming in at the window. Without a moment's hesitation she seized a Winchester and fired at the party, who proved to be Donaldson. The ball passed through his hips. He is still alive but in a precarious condition. Mrs. Beasley is in custody.

Ready to Support England.

LONDON, Nov. 9.—It is given out here that the Italian government desires complete accord with Great Britain in the Mediterranean. Were this secured by treaty Italy would, if England wished it, withdraw from the triple alliance. It is quite understood that England does not desire Italy to take such a step. Italy, therefore, never need care to conceal the fact that she is ready to support Great Britain in any Mediterranean question, no matter what other power is involved. The above is stated upon high authority.

Four Men Killed.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Nov. 9.—A forty-horse power boiler, weighing 4000 pounds, exploded Tuesday at Elrod's mills on Sand mountain, DeKalb county, completely wrecking cotton gin, flour mills and sawmills. Engineer Charles Richardson, Superintendent Dick Elrod, Foreman Jno. Butrock, and Phil Elrod, one of the proprietors, were killed or scalded to death. Several others were slightly hurt. A large lot of cotton and lumber was destroyed. The loss is \$35,000; cause unknown.

\$500,000 Indict.

LOCKPORT, N. Y., Nov. 10.—J. J. Arnold, ex-county treasurer of Niagara county, and ex-cashier of the Merchant's bank, is in jail. His accounts show a deficit of \$500,000 as treasurer and \$30,000 as cashier.

NOT ALL JOYOUSNESS.

Yachting Has Lots of Discomforts for Those Who Seek Them.

One commonly thinks of yachting as the most delightful of summer pastimes, and the very word calls up visions of a wet sheet and a flowing sea, and a wind that follows fast, smells of salt things and whistles through the rigging, blue sky, white caps, driving clouds and all that sort of thing, to say nothing of the possibilities of delightful companionship and the delicious unconventionality of meeting one's fellow men and women with all the formality and restraints of on-shore life thrown off, no making talk or anything of that kind, but knocking about carelessly and easily in flannel suits and having "a real good time." Or, again, racing, with its excitement, and cruising, with all its possibilities of adventure—as, for example, cruising to Bar Harbor, where, it is well known, America's fairest daughters gather yearly, decked in their best, for the sole purpose of making Bar Harbor a Utopia and haven of rest for those who have plenty of money and go down to the sea in expensive yachts.

Such is the popular and accepted view of yachting, but there is another and gloomy side of the picture which the writer, who is sometimes inclined to growl, can set forth clearly in three distinct statements, with an open challenge to contradiction: First, that to "go and take a sail" in a small boat belonging to some one else and to sail aimlessly about on the open sea is "an awful bore;" secondly, that to go as an "amateur crew," on a rowing yacht under sixty feet long is not only a bore, but a hardship, and on yachts over sixty feet in length it is not customary to have an "amateur crew," unless an occasional and almost useless passenger can be considered such; and, lastly, that cruising is a lottery absolutely dependent on the weather. Fog, calm, storms and head winds are quite as usual as free winds and sunshine.

Observe that nothing has been said about seasickness, which makes yachting impossible to so many.

There is no place on earth where the sun can strike down out of the sky and bleach and blister and scizzle as it can upon a yacht's deck. There is no place that can be hotter or more stuffy or more uncomfortable than a yacht's cabin on a hot day, when there is no wind or when the wind is dead aft, and when it is rough and the water is driving across the yacht's deck in a sheet of white foam and the crew are all huddled behind the shrouds, into which old oilskins have been stuffed to make a screen, and the man at the wheel has lifelines, running from the main sheet to the main shrouds on either side of him, to keep him from being washed overboard, and the oil bags are hung to windward, to keep the water from breaking, and the fire is out in the galley and the cook has been scalded by the sour soup, stock jumping out of the boiler, and the barometer is dropping like mad, and the skylight leaks so that every wave which comes aboard sends bucketfuls of swash down into the cabin, and when every now and then a wave comes aboard and pounds down on her deck like a load of pig iron, and those below are shaken about like corn in a popper and those on deck simply hold on and duck their heads—when such is the condition of affairs, yachting would not be considered a pastime.

The delights of being "amateur crew" can be briefly summed up. They consist in lying flat on your face either in a hot sun or a pouring rain, and if you turn over having the owner shout at you: "Keep still! Do you think that you're a wild elephant?" Furthermore, all yachts are not rigged alike, and if the amateur crew is told at a critical point in the race—say just before rounding the leeward mark—to let go the spinnaker halyards, and let the balloon jib halyards go instead, so that the whole sail goes over to leeward, the remarks which will be made to him will be "unfit for publication."

Crying Down Credit.

One of the rules of the Canadian military service is that of "crying down credit." In Toronto last week this rule was carried out in front of the postoffice. It consisted in a little ceremony performed by a sergeant major, a trooper and a trumpeter of the Canadian dragoons. The trumpeter blew his trumpet and then the sergeant major in a stentorian voice declared that the officer commanding the Canadian dragoons would not be responsible for any debts contracted by the members of the regiment beyond a day's pay, and that even a day's pay would not be guaranteed, if the debt was contracted for liquor.

Frogs Dry Up and Blow Away.

Frogs are mainly jules. If they try to make more than a "short" journey away from moisture, in a drought, they will perish for want of water; and then their bodies will dry away. The frog's bones are so soft that no severely dries any skeleton.